Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—About 70 or 75.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are the Government aware that this amount is to be collected from almost all of that village? Are all these decrees in execution now?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—By the Department?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—Through the Revenue Department.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has any collections been made subsequent to the appointment of the present liquidator?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know how much?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon.—I want notice.

Institution of Agricultural Farms.

232. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table (a) the questionnaire they had issued; and

(b) the reply they received for the same early in 1916 regarding the institution of agricultural farms, etc.;

(c) what have they done in connection with them?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.— (a) The questionnaire is appended *(Vide Appendix X)*.

(b) Answers to the questionnaire as such were not received. The Diwan held a number of agricultural conferences at various centres in all the Taluks and thus ascertained public opinion on the questionnaire.

(c) A comprehensive soheme of work for the Agricultural Department was drawn up. A copy of the Diwan's Proceedings C. 435/90, dated 17th February 1917 is placed on the Council Table.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon—Are any of the schemes in operation now?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar.—Yesterday in my budget speech I enumerated the items of work the department are doing.

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APPENDIX X.

(Question No. 232).

1. Do you consider that the Taluk Agricultural Farms have proved a very general and useful source of demonstrating improvements in agricultural methods as practised in the farms?

2. If they have not, what do you consider the most effective means of demonstrating to the general body of cultivators such methods and lessons as have been found to be successful by actual experiment ?

3. Would you welcome experiments in a portion of your own lands under the direction of the Agricultural Officers of the State for the purpose of demonstration to the cultivators in your immediate vicinity?

4. What do you think is the best agency for placing good seed and manures within the reach of the ryots and how can cultivators be most easily induced in your opinion to take advantage of the benefits of selected seeds and appropriate manures ?

5. What means would you suggest for the improvement of cattle both for draught and for milking?

6. Are you of opinion that the location of selected breeding bulls in various rural centres in charge of Village Panchayats or private gentlemen of standing and influence would be beneficial and that the services of such bulls would be readily availed of by agriculturists and others for their cattle?

7. Do you consider that the supply of milk especially in large towns and villages is sufficient in quantity and good in quality? If not have you any practical suggestions for improving dairying methods which will better the quality and increase the supply?

8. If the Government were at their agricultural farm to establish a training school for the thorough practical training of men who would be capable of acting as Agricultural Overseers and foremen do you consider that private owners of land would avail themselves of their services?

9. Do you consider advisable the introduction of lessons in elementary agriculture into the curriculum of certain classes in schools? If so, to what extent do you suggest such introduction?

10. Does the present system of granting loans from Government funds for improvement of agriculture require to be changed? If so, what changes would you propose?

11. In what ways generally do you think that the work of the agricultural department can be brought into closer and more living touch with the great body of cultivators?

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